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Governor John Lynch
State House
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Dear Governor Lynch,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to retire as senior associate justice of the supreme court, effective December 31, 2005. Thirty-seven years ago, I was appointed justice of the Durham District Court. From that day to this, I have felt privileged to serve in the judicial branch of government.

I was appointed to the Durham District Court by Governor John W. King and the Executive Council in December of 1968 and held that position until 1981 when Governor Hugh Gallen and the Executive Council appointed me to the superior court. As a result of the action of Governor Judd Gregg and the Executive Council, I served as Chief Justice of the superior court from 1992 until 2000 when Governor Jeanne Shaheen and the Executive Council named me to the supreme court.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you this year. The citizens of New Hampshire have benefited greatly from your sensitivity to their judicial needs and your determination to bring professionalism to state government.

Not only have I been given the honor and privilege of working for the people of New Hampshire, but I have also been given the opportunity to serve the law, that I revere, and the profession that I love. I hope I will be able to continue that service in other ways following retirement.

For the opportunity I have been given, I will always be grateful.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph P. Nadreau".